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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT: Requirements for the Middle East

1. The Ad Hoc Requirements Committee has re-examined the Middle East requirements for collection by AQUATONE and wishes to recommend that in so far as continued Middle East flights might jeopardize penetration flights into the Soviet orbit this year we would urge the discontinuance of Middle East flights.

2. The Committee submits herewith targets which should be covered in the course of the next week, in order to meet the needs of the intelligence agencies concerned, provided

a. the capability exists within the meaning of the foregoing paragraph,

b. there is no operational objection from the Project to the exercise of the aircraft for this purpose, and

c. such missions are directed by higher authority.

3. We have limited ourselves to those countries, and within them those targets, which we consider to be of importance in establishing a base for comparison later in view of the extended period of project inactivity of the last six weeks. If, in connection with flight planning to cover the targets [redacted] listed in Attachment A there is a capability without diversion of resources to pick up targets listed in Attachment B [redacted] we so recommend. We do not presume to judge or recommend whether for collection of requirements in Attachment A one or more flights are required.

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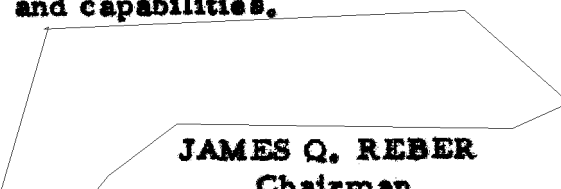
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4. The Ad Hoc Requirements Committee would appreciate receiving from Operations any advice which might be useful to the Committee in providing requirements guidance in keeping with operational circumstances and capabilities.





JAMES Q. REBER
Chairman
Ad Hoc Requirements Committee

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Attachments

- A. TCS-800-57
- B. TCS-801-57

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